पश्चिमी तटवर्ती क्षेत्र में कच्चे तेल की चोरी की घटनाएं हैं। अभी तक पुलिस ने इस कार्य में लगे चार गिरोह का पता लगाया है। अभी तक पता लगाए गए चारों गिरोह में से कोई भी अपराधी तेल एवं प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग का अधिकारी नहीं है। हालांकि, 1982 में केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो द्वारा जांच किए गए एक मामले में 6 तेल एवं प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग अधिकारियों को गिरफ्तार किया गया था, क्योंकि ऐसा शक था उनका संबंध अपराधियों से था, इनमें से केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो द्वारा 5 अधिकारियों पर न्यायालय में मुकदमा चलाया गया, जहां अभी तक मामला न्यायाधीन है। 6 अधिकारियों में से एक को स्थानांतरित कर दिया गया है जबकि अन्य अधिकारियों का दूसरे पदों पर विस्थापित कर दिया गया है।

तेल एवं प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग ने पहले से ही मौजूद सुरक्षा व्यवस्था की पुनरीक्षा शुरू कर दी है ताकि पश्चिमी तटवर्ती क्षेत्र के लिए एक पूर्ण सुरक्षा योजना तैयार की जा सके, जहां एक बड़े क्षेत्र में करीब 3000 तेल कूएं फैले हुये हैं।

Green Line Bus Services

*370. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL :
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to deploy only Limited Stop and Green Line buses in Delhi ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons for not deploying ordinary buses generally during peak hours ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A large number of ordinary buses are also plying in the various City routes along-side Limited and Green Line Buses during peak hours.

Private Medical Care Centres

*371. SHRI N.E. BALARAM :
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of private medical care centres is increasing day by day, if so, what is the number thereof in Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras ;

(b) what was the rate of increase of such centres during the last three years ;

(c) whether it is a fact that because of difficulties in getting sufficient care from public hospitals, people are turning to these private centres ;

(d) whether it is also a fact that private centres are exploiting the hapless victims by over-charging, subjecting them to unwanted costly diagnostic methods and expensive follow-up ; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to bring about a comprehensive legislation to curb these mal-practices ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR) : (a) and (b)

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare does not maintain such statistics.

(c) to (e) Public hospitals provide a range of medical services, mostly free or for a nominal charge. The private sector is also playing a significant role and the same should be allowed to grow with necessary safeguards to ensure maintenance of proper standards and avoidance of malpractices.

Social Forestry Scheme in Gujarat and Orissa

*372. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS :
SHRI SOM PAL :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the targets fixed under the Social Forestry Scheme in Gujarat and Orissa in the Seventh Five Year Plan have been achieved ;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the targets fixed for the Eighth Five year Plan and the amount of Central assistance proposed to be granted for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) and (b) During the Seventh Plan period (1985—90), the targets and achievements of afforestation and tree planting activities, including Social Forestry, in Gujarat and Orissa under the 20-Point Programme are as given below :—

(Area in hectares)

	Targets	Achievements
Gujarat	561550	740605
Orissa	637100	552234

In the case of Orissa, the target could not be achieved fully due to the drought conditions and also on account of funding constraints.

(c) The Eighth Five Year Plan targets and outlays have not been finalised.

New LPG Connections

*373. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the average waiting period for a new LPG connection ;

(b) whether it is a fact that inter-city transfer of registration of a new LPG connection is not permissible ;

(c) whether Government are aware that due to this, many transferable employees especially of Government Departments, Banks and Defence Services are deprived of an LPG connection for decades as they are transferred before the maturity of their applications ;

(d) if so, what remedial action Government propose to take in this regard ; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to maintain all-India waiting list for such employees ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) The waiting period for new LPG connection depends upon the number of persons on the waiting list with the distributor and also the annual programme for enrolment of new customers. However efforts are constantly on to provide as many LPG connections to as many persons as early as possible.